

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Page 1, first line, delete "CLAIMS" and insert:

--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of communications employing apredetermined communications protocols defining respective responses to predetermined events, said method comprising:
- separating said protocols into a first group of responses to corresponding first events, and a second group of responses to corresponding second events, wherein said first events occur frequently relative to said second events;
- storing said first group at a ~~first~~communications user terminal, storing at least said second group at a store remote from said ~~first~~user terminal, and interconnected therewith via a communications channel;
- communicating from said ~~first~~user terminal using said first group of ~~said protocols~~responses;
- on detecting an event other than one of said first events at said ~~first~~user terminal, signaling event-handling data from said store to said ~~first~~user terminal; and
- communicating from said ~~first~~user terminal using said event-handling data.

2. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to~~ as in claim 1, in which, when the detected event is ~~of the group one~~ of the second events, said event-handling data comprises at least the responses of said second group which correspond thereto.

3. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to~~ as in claim 2, which the first user terminal is arranged to store those responses of said second group received from the store on receipt thereof, for future use in response to further occurrence of the corresponding event.

4. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to~~ as in claim 3, in which the first user terminal is arranged to delete said stored responses under predetermined conditions.

5. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to~~ as in claim 4, in which the predetermined conditions comprise non-use of the stored responses for a predetermined period of use.

6. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to~~ as in claim 1, in which said event-handling data comprises data defining instructions for handling the detected event.

7. (Currently Amended) A method ~~according to~~ as in claim 1, wherein the protocol is for use of an ISDN communications channel.

8. (Currently Amended) A communications system comprising:
a first terminal,
a second terminal interconnectable with the first via a telecommunications network, and

a store connected to said network;

in which:

the second terminal is arranged to communicate using a communications protocol defining a set of responses to respective conditions;

the first terminal is arranged to store, and communicate using, a subset of said protocol; and

the store is arranged to cooperate with the first terminal for handling conditions requiring a response within the set but not within the subset earlier stored at the first terminal.

9. (Currently Amended) A communications terminal for use with a communications protocols defining a set of responses to respective predetermined events, said terminal comprising;

a communications port for connection to a communications channel;

a signaling port for connection to a signaling channel; and

a store for storing data defining a core subset of said responses corresponding to a core subset of said events; and

a controller for controlling communications via the communications and signaling ports in accordance with said core subset;

the terminal being arranged to detect events not within said core subset, and to receive event-handling data via said signaling port, and

the controller being arranged to handle said detected events in accordance with said received event-handling data.

10. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 9, in which said store is rewritable, and the terminal is arranged to store therein data derived from said event-handling data, and corresponding to one or more responses of said set which are not of said core subset, and the controller is for controlling communications via the communications and signaling ports in accordance with said core subset and said stored additional responses.

11. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 10, the terminal being arranged to erase said additional responses under predetermined conditions.

12. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 9, in which said controller is arranged to accept said event-handling data as one or more communications signaling instructions for immediate execution.

13. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 9, the terminal being arranged to signal said detected events via said signaling port and to receive said event-handling data in response thereto.

14. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 13, the terminal being arranged to signal, for each said detected event, the internal state of the terminal prior to receipt thereof via said signaling port.

15. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 9, wherein said store does not comprise a movable magnetic storage medium.

16. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 15, which lacks a movable magnetic storage medium.

b8 17. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 9, which comprises a network client terminal.

18. (Currently Amended) A terminal ~~according to~~ as in claim 17, which comprises a video output port for co-operation with a television set.
